

TULSA SHARES PUGILISTIC SPOTLIGHT WITH TOLEDO

By Bud Fisher

PACKED HOUSE TO SEE T. S. C. SHOW

Advance Sale Heaviest in the History of Boxing in Oil Metropolis.

IMPOSSIBLE TO PICK WINNER

Greb Is Favored for Verdict Over Puryear in Case the Bout Goes Limit.

About the Bout

Principals—Harry Greb, Pittsburgh, Pa., vs. Bill Brennan, Chicago, Ill.
Distance—Fifteen rounds.
Place—Convention hall.
Auspices—Tulsa Sporting Club, John J. Reisler, promoter.
Referee—Edward Cochrane, Kansas City, Mo.
Timers—Frank Tessin, Sapulpa.
Announcer—Bob Sanford.
Semifinal—Earl Puryear, Tulsa, vs. Bobby Hughes, New Orleans, 15 rounds.
Preliminaries—Two six-rounds and a battle royal.
Box office open—12 o'clock noon.
Doors open—2 o'clock.
First preliminary—3 o'clock.
Special attraction—Leased wire returns from Willard-Dempsey world's heavyweight champion fight at Toledo.

By CHARLES J. RULL.

BOXING reigns supreme this Independence day in Tulsa even as does in Toledo. Trained to the minute and battling for a chance to meet the winner of the Willard-Dempsey world's championship match in a titular contest, Harry Greb of Pittsburgh and Bill Brennan of Chicago, will clash at Convention hall in a 15-round encounter this afternoon.

Prior to this tempestuous frolic will come another 15-round bout, a fast skit in which Earl Puryear will attempt to prove that he is a filly subject to be sent against the bantamweight champion. This day his opponent today will be Bobby Hughes, a rip-tearing little fellow from New Orleans who is liable to spill anybody's beans. There was no doubt as early as yesterday noon that all Tulsa records for a fight crowd would be broken today. Every one of the half dozen places where the tickets had been on sale for a week reported an unprecedented demand. In fact, it is said, "last night, something that never before has happened in Tulsa." Promoter Reisler expressed the opinion that every seat would be sold before the first preliminary goes on this afternoon and he is making arrangements to put in auxiliary seats to care for as many as possible.

Toledo Fight Returns.

Not only does the Brennan-Greb and the Puryear-Hughes card present a most unusually tempting attraction, but the Tulsa Sporting club has made arrangements to announce between rounds the progress of the Toledo's championship event at Toledo. For this reason, leased wire direct to the Toledo arena has been installed and practically instantaneous service has been promised.

Preparations to turn the mammoth auditorium into an "open air" arena started two days ago, will be completed by noon today, tightening all loosened parts and further bracing it for the big fellows. It is being decorated in hunting this morning. The national colors will be conspicuous all over the house in honor of Independence day.

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Opinions of Outcome Differ.

While there has been scarcely any betting on the outcome of the local embroilment it is not because there is unanimity of opinion as to the result. Those who have studied the long ago and decided to string up money on the championship battle at Toledo, leaving them little room to change to ring on the home front.

That there is a sharp division of opinion as to who will triumph here is equally apparent wherever a group of fight fans is approached.

With the exception of a distinct shock sustained by the east majority of Texans when Brennan fought Mike here a couple of months ago Greb would be a top-heavy favorite. Nearly everybody had expected Mike to make short work of the big Chicago boy but it was only by a narrow margin that in the result tenth round that Greb won. Paul then managed to earn a close decision.

Remembering this Tulsa folks are somewhat hesitant about predicting a certain victory for the Pittsburgher, notwithstanding his recent victories over Puryear and Greb. The more Brennan has shown in his work here the last week the more he is a greatly improved fighter over the fireman who fought here before.

Most of those who have attempted to analyze the battle have come to the conclusion that if the battle goes the entire distance it is Greb who will be the victor, but not the decision because of his recognized superiority as a point boxer.

Until noon today admission tickets will remain on sale at the half dozen downtown points where they have been for a week. Then the box office at Convention hall will be the only place where they can be bought.

The doors will be open at 1 o'clock and the first preliminary will go on promptly at 3 o'clock. If possible a 4:30 or 5 o'clock before the main event will have the stage.

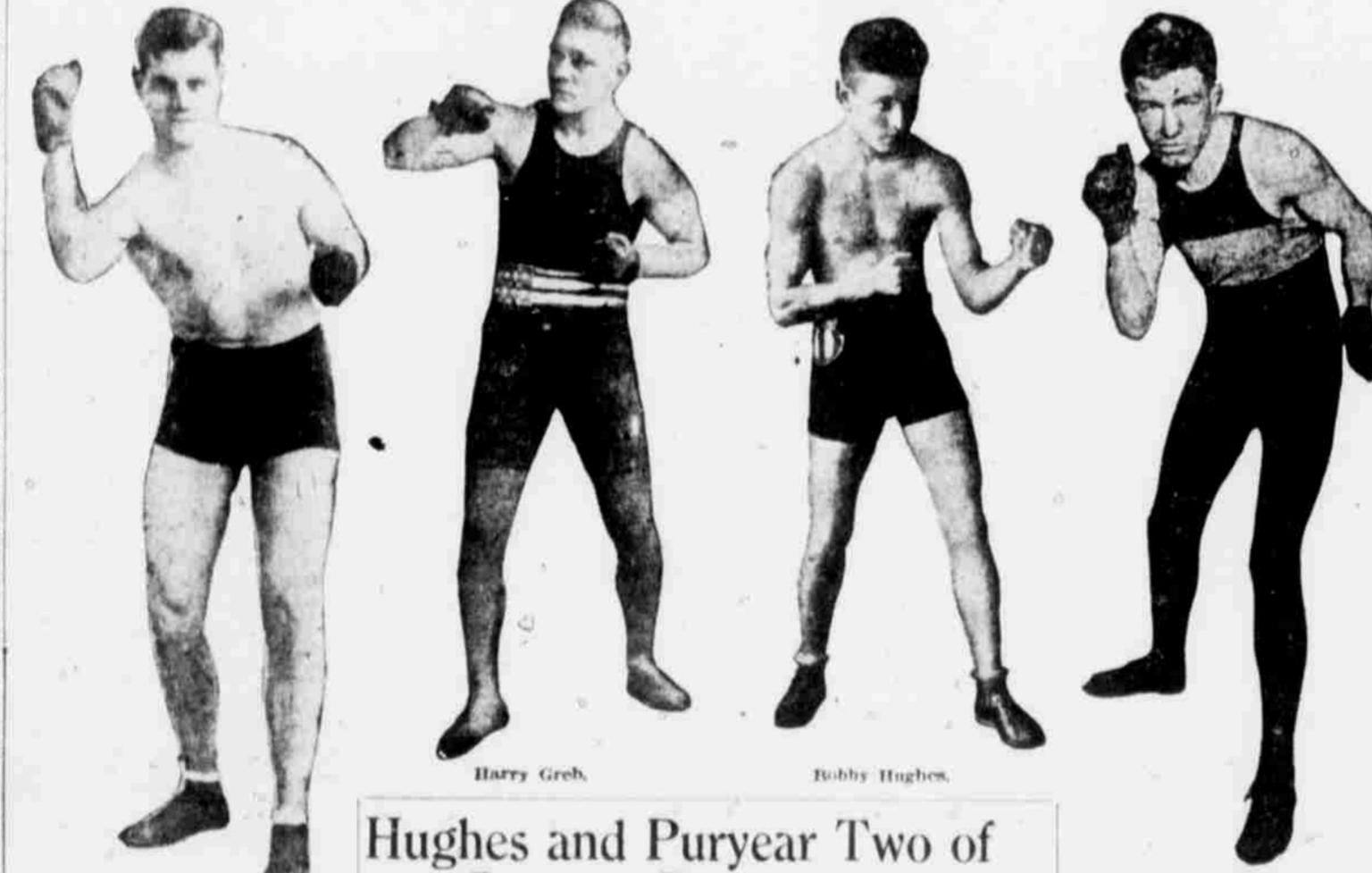
Thursday's Divorce Record.

Decree of divorce was granted in state court Thursday afternoon Minnie Webber against William A. Webber.

MUTT AND JEFF.—EVIDENTLY MUTT ISN'T VERY LOOS EWITH HIS CHANGE



Headliners of Tulsa Sporting Club Program Today



Bill Brennan.

Harry Greb.

Bobby Hughes.

Earl Puryear.

Hughes and Puryear Two of Greatest Bantams in Game

By LARRY DAILEY.

Where Ed Cochrane gives Frank Tessin word to let 'er go today, the two greatest bantamweights in the game in Earl Puryear and Bobby Hughes. Therefore do doubt about the ability of these boys. Hughes has been in the game but a short time but has made an enviable reputation in the bantam arena. Puryear is a veteran of the ring, with numerous victories over top-notch boys to his credit.

As in the fight at Toledo it will be cage against cage. Puryear is not much of a mover but as Puryear is so well along he is moving only a few years from the age mark. Hughes has just barely reached his maturity.

Puryear's great record, one last two years has been all the more remarkable while it is considered that he has done his best fighting when past the age of 25. Ed can't climb to a place in prominence until about two years ago but since that time has demonstrated conclusively that he is a great survivor.

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FIGHT FANS HOPE FOR FAIR WEATHER TODAY

Fighters of Fistie Game Have Been Debating Question Ever Since Date Was Set.

TOLEDO, July 3.—What brand of weather will Toledo enjoy or perhaps disapprove tomorrow when Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey meet in the Bay View park arena in their twelve-round contest for the world's heavyweight championship.

Boxing fans have been debating the question for a month ever since the date for the contest was set for Independence day.

It has been the problem of the day, practically every day for weeks. It has been discussed on the streets, in the camp, in the heavyweight offices, in the office, factory and by young and old. So interested has everybody become in the question that W. R. Carrier meteorologist for the government weather bureau, decided to dust off his records and to search back through the years to ascertain him what the brand of weather would be and what he could expect on the Fourth of July.

Carrier found that from 1871 until 1918, inclusive, it rained on twenty-one Independence days. He then reached the conclusion that it is due to rain every other Fourth of July. From 1870 to 1918, inclusive, Mr. Carrier found that it rained on twenty-four days. It rained on July 4, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

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